

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
11020 NC HWY. 801
MOUNT ULLA, NC 28125

**SHARE THE GIFT
OF LIFE.**



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, August 22
1:00 – 5:30 pm

You may go online or contact Robin Hampton or the church office to schedule an appointment.

Thank you for your donations.
In 2017, St. Luke's was recognized as Red Cross Premier Blood Partners collecting 107 units of blood at our blood drives.

**Pastor's Thursday Morning
Study Group at 10 am**

We're continuing an exploration of the Dead Sea Scrolls – and the Qumran Essene community that preserved them. What do these show us of Judaism immediately prior to Jesus? Was John the Baptist part or a guest in the community? Could Jesus be their "Teacher of Righteousness?" What was the "Community Rule" that all agreed to live by? Never too late to join the conversation on Thursdays at 10 am! *(No meeting on July 26)*



ST. LUKE'S WELCA will not meet in July and August. We will resume monthly meetings in September and invite you to join our community of women called to discipleship and engage in ministry and action.



St. Luke's Vine

July, 2018

Volume 53, Edition 10



ELCA National Youth Gathering – June 27- July 1

11 youth and 4 adult leaders from St. Luke's are joining with 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the ELCA for a week of faith formation with interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship. Young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Please hold our youth: Natalie Allison, Vicki Carlton, Aidan Connelly, Ryan Garczynski, Brooklynn Hoffner, Payton Holt, Chase Hovis, Gracie Morgan, David Parrish, Thomas Perrell, Trey Putnam) and leaders (Marian, Pastor Scott, Mark & Carol Parrish) in your prayers, that we may grow and serve in faith.

VBS – Moose on the Loose

Our 2018 VBS just finished a week ago! A joyous time with the little kids singing, learning, crafting, & playing. God's great big wonderful world. *More next month from Shana after she has a chance to recover.*

June 24 – Homecoming

Big day! Big party! Guests, awards, rites and more. All about 3 days after this newsletter was written. So... come back next month and read the update that has more details!

Refreshments will be provided on the lawn after worship in July and August.
Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you can help.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July:

- 1: David Arrowood
- 8: Aidan Connelly
- 15: Jennifer Perrell
- 22: Chuck Putnam
- 29: Robin Hampton

ACOLYTE

Brooklynn Hoffner

ALTAR GUILD

Karen Moore Carol Parrish
Johnny Moore Mark Parrish
Gail Kerr David Parrish

Council Tellers

Lori Corriher Robin Hampton

USHERS

Johnny Moore Craig Corriher
Joe Hampton Jeff Applewhite

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

- July 1: Shana Putnam
8: Pastor Scott
15: Jennifer Perrell
22: Judy Getzlaff
29: Julie Hoffner

GREETERS

- July 1: Ray Smith
8: Lori Corriher
15: Becky Edwards
22: Alice Weaver
29: Peggy & Barry Curlee

Meals on Wheels

Volunteer Schedule
for July

- July 3: Sally Morgan
5: Joan Kennerly
6: Jeff Poteat
10: Sally Morgan
11: Karen Moore
13: Ted Holt
17: Alice Weaver
19: Joan Kennerly
20: Nancy Harris
24: Dianne Davis
25: Alice Weaver
27: Linda Clodfelter
31: Don Morgan

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ALTAR FLOWERS (\$60)

- July 1- Don Morgan Family
8- Andy Gardner Family
15- Robie Hodge Family
22 - John Beaver Family
29 - Mrs. Marian Lytle

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SYMPATHY - Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to the family of Terry Hoffner, who passed away on June 11. Terry was the husband of Frances and father of Terry Lee and Alison.

Also, we express our Christian love and sympathy to Arnold McDaniel and his family at the death of his sister, Vernice Beaver, on June 19.

Faith Basics "Life and Lessons" – July 15

Our Faith Basics team will be leading our next session on July 15, exploring the life and teachings of Jesus. Join us for lite lunch (provided) after worship. All ages, all stages of faith, especially for confirmation candidates and those exploring the faith. Look for a sign up sheet in the narthex. We thank Grover Holt, Micki Karriker and James Rollans for helping lead various topics in this session.

Q4U #1 - July 8 – Christian Ed "Talk With Us" Lunch

Will you share your thoughts, expectations and opinions with our Christian Ed team? We are engaged in a top-to-bottom review and really need your candid input – whatever your age or participation. What's working, not working, who for, why, wishes, needs and more. What might we keep the same or do different. We invite EVERYONE and will provide a simple light lunch. A "questions to think about" page will be distributed in the bulletin on June 24 and July 1.

Q4U #2: "A Matter of Balance" classes at St. Luke's?

Trinity at Home (part of Lutheran Services Carolinas) would like to offer a free award-winning program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falls. 8 sessions about falling risks, concerns, exercises & prevention, habits, hazards, etc. For us and community. Needs 10-15 participants to schedule. More info on flyer in narthex. Interested? Contact Pastor Scott

Q4U #3 "Senior Respite Care" at St. Luke's?

Pastor, Social Ministry Committee & Council are also in conversation with LSC folks about possibly starting a Senior Respite Care program here at St. Luke's. Concept: 2-3-4 days a week, a few hours each, for seniors with mild cognitive disorders. A bit of fun and social time for the seniors, a bit of a break for caregivers to shop, sleep, do chores, etc. Interested, for you or those you care for? Contact Pastor Scott

Council Meeting Notes

A reminder: Council meetings are normally open for all members to attend and detailed minutes are on record, if desired.

The Congregation Council meeting notes on morning of Sunday June 24, will be published in the August newsletter.

Thank You for your support of Lutheridge, Lutherock, Lutheranch, and Luther Springs. Appreciation for your donation of \$235 for making this camping ministry a year-round blessing and sharing the faith of all participants.

Delegates at the Synod Assembly on June 1-2 approved

- Passage of resolutions on:
 - (1) the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women,
 - (2) Parental Leave for ELCA Churchwide Staff,
 - (3) Immigration, and
 - (4) Refugees
- The 2018 Synod budget, 2018 compensation guidelines, and 2018 mission support formula

Pastor's Message

As time goes by, the world changes around us. While some things sort of “stay the same” we also find that each generation, broadly speaking, seems to prefer and prioritize things a bit differently. When I think of my parents, and kids, I know that while our preferences overlap on things and differ on others. Mom loves Perry Como, who’s got a great voice, but.... Not my choice. But now she also likes Pentatonix. And while my son Joshua likes lots of 80s soft rock (yeah, he’s a Billy Joel & Journey fan), I also like some newer groups he’s recommended (Imagine Dragons is great!). Similarities and differences. This goes for television shows, games, some politics, and on and on.

Overall, it’s all good. If everyone was just like me, I’d drive myself crazy.

Different preferences. Different priorities. That goes for cultural trivia as well as issues of worship and faith.

If you are struggling with “this new generation” and these “younger folk” well, I suspect your parents said the same thing, back upon a time. Sometimes we can help teach and guide them. Sometimes they can help teach and guide us. Which requires, of course, that we admit that they might be on to something and we don’t know everything. Ugh. Admission of imperfection. Guess that’s wrapped up in our weekly Confession statement, isn’t it?

Here is a serious – VERY serious – thought on that whole topic. A friend of mine, CJ Clark, shared an observation I that I’d like pass on to you. He’s been immersed in generational theory and the impact on the church and faith. Here’s a short bit of what he wrote:

“There are a lot of elements that define each generation, but I want to boil it down to the basics for you. Baby Boomers seek truth and are driven by the question, “Is it true?” Generation X seeks authenticity and is driven by the question “Is it real?” Millennials seek impact and wonder, “Does it make a difference in the world?” And Generation Z seeks relevancy as they wrestle with the question “Why does it matter in my life?”. Each of these generations uses their specific generational lens to filter how they interact with the world, and most definitely how they use their specific lens to filter how and if they will interact with the church.”

My thought, and challenge to us (all of us) is to step back and think about ourselves and our priorities, and realize that others do not always share them and agree with them, and what they are seeking and expecting in a church or other faith community can be different. Worship, ministry, community engagement, commitment, discipleship, etc. That does not make them right and us wrong, or us right and them wrong.

But we, “the church” in the world, and we here at St Luke’s have choices to make:

One choice is that we can embrace them and their questions, honor and respect their preferences, involve them in ministry, give them roles in leadership (and let them lead), walk with them to explore their questions, find their answers, learn with them on the way, and grow in faith together. And in so doing help make a stronger congregation and grow disciples.

Or we can hold tightly to our priorities and preferences, our patterns and habits, our questions and comforts, and expect them to become just like us. And likely be very disappointed, because they don’t, won’t, just because we think they should.

What would Jesus do? Well, he muddled things up. Changed the priorities. He “reformed” the church.

And that’s who we are, too. Reformers, in Luther’s tradition. Always reforming. Always being made new.

Pastor Scott

Fun Marriage Enrichment Seminar Series starting in AUGUST

Married? Planning on it? Thinking about it? Maybe someday, out there, you don’t even know who?

This series is for you! St. Luke’s will host a series of sessions for those wanting to make their marriage better and stronger – even if you aren’t married yet! We’re combining materials from Mark Gungor’s “Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage” and Danny Aiken’s “A Biblical Marriage in a Broken World.” Topics include “A Tale of Two Brains,” “Your One True Love,” “How To Stay Married and Not Kill Anybody” and more. Good stuff for guys, and gals, and great for both.

We’re scheduled to start this series on Sunday evenings, starting August 19, and skipping Labor day holiday weekend.

Discipleship Explorers – 2018

What does “discipleship” mean to you? What does the Bible teach?

What can we learn from new and ancient voices and teachers?

How do we live it out? How do we teach it to “make disciples”?

Last year, a small group walk through some of these questions and helped create our Leadership retreat and then our 2018 Lenten Wednesday series.

We’d like to invite others on this path of exploring as well.

We’ll meet once a month, read, talk, study, pray and share, and imagine “what if” for us and St Luke’s.

Are you interested? Talk to Pastor Scott!

The Church in the World – ELCA & NC Synod

Cherokee congregation blends Christian traditions, native culture Living Waters, a small but dynamic mission congregation is located on the Cherokee reservation in western N.C. This ongoing ministry is led by the Rev. Jack Russell, who is the only full-blooded Cherokee pastor in the ELCA. Its vital work includes not only multicultural worship and other services that blend together both native and Lutheran (liturgy) language and culture but also a variety of community outreach programs to both natives and non-natives, including a crucial food pantry that supplies a four-county area, as well as varied counseling programs.



Catherine Hoffner Endowment Awards (Part 2)

On June 10, St. Luke's recognized Natalie Allison, Anna McBride, Andrew McBride, Thomas Perrell and Michael Stanley as recipients of the 2018 Catherine H. Hoffner Endowment Fund Career Advancement Scholarship grants. These five individuals will each receive \$1,140, equal portions of the \$5,700 that was allocated to individual Career Advancement Scholarship grants for the 2018-2019 academic year.

A Youth Group Mission Experience grant of \$2,800 was awarded to support the upcoming SLY trip to Houston for the ELCA National Youth Gathering for worship, service and fellowship.

Adair Endowment Scholarship

At our service on June 10, St. Luke's recognized Thomas Perrell as the first recipient at St. Luke's of the Mr. & Mrs. R Braxton (Alice S) Adair Scholarship, an award given to a student from St. Luke's who is attending North Carolina State University. The Adair scholarship was established and endowed in 2012 by Robin and Joe Hampton, in honor and memory of her parents. It was originally for the support and benefit of students from Ann Street UMC in Beaufort, NC, where the Adairs worshipped and served. In June 2018, Robin and Joe expanded the scope of the scholarship by naming St. Luke's as a second congregation from which students going to NCSU may be recognized and supported. The Adair Scholarship award amount for 2018/2019 was \$2,000.

St. Luke's Music Ministry

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who allowed me the pleasure of teaching songs to your children and grandchildren during VBS. I had a blast!

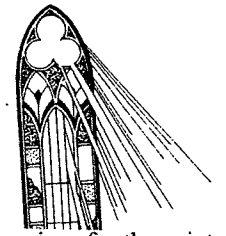
Our Chancel Choir will be rehearsing all of July, rather than taking the month off as in the past. Part of this is because we enjoy singing together; part is because my theater contracts sometimes have me cancelling our Wednesday practices, so our "nights off" are spread out depending on my other work. (There will be no choir rehearsal on July 4 -- enjoy time with your families that day!)

On July 1, we will be singing an anthem found in our choir archives that is both a prayer and a statement about love of country.

On July 8, we will be singing John Rutter's Distant Land. We still need extra voices for this, so please join us. Rehearsals for that will be on Wednesday, June 27, from 7:00-7:30, then Sunday, July 8, from 10:00-10:15.

The choir will also be singing anthems on the other Sundays in July. Check out the white board in the choir room for titles and join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 as we prepare them!

Laurie



Funeral/Memorial Service – A Helpful Planner

As a pastor I have the honor and privilege of presiding at funeral and memorial services for the saints of faith that have departed this mortal realm. Planning for those services, with the surviving family, is usually a time combining grief and joyful memories, topics of life and faith, family wishes and those of the deceased. Likewise, the topic sometimes arises with individuals that are pondering their own mortality – and who wish to speak of God, faith, doubts, joys, fears, resurrection and their own anticipated funeral and memorial services.

As a result of these experiences I have created a short 1-page Funeral/Memorial Plans and Wishes document, which I hope is helpful in recording a few life events, messages to share, favorite verses and hymns, desires for participants, preferences for memorial gifts, etc. Share it with family and we'll gladly keep a copy here at St. Luke's. A second page, meant for family use, is a reminder question list of important documents and contacts for wills and legal documents, etc.

If you would like a copy, stop by the church office or look for SLC Funeral Planning Sheet on the St. Luke's website in the InfoCenter section.

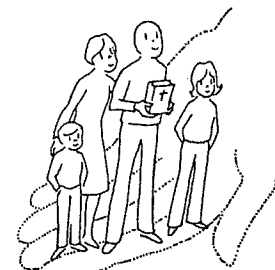
Fall Fish Fry/Yard Sale is – amazing to think about it – only 4 months away!

We've committed that part of our fund raising will be shared with one or more needs of and in "the community" – which is a pretty broad category. We've worked to help individuals with medical expenses, the school band, Mt. Ulla elementary school needy children fund, and others.

We love hearing about your proposals to help the community – though sometimes we hear that idea through round about paths without much detail, and not sure who to ask.

So.... to help us decide on community needs candidates we now have a simple little half-page *Fish Fry Community Support –Request for Funds page*. If you have someone, or some group, that you propose we help, pick up a form from the Info Center in the narthex, fill it out, and get it back to the office. Council will review proposals in August, so we can share with the congregation in September and publicize for the event.

**STRIVE
TO ENRICH**
the ways in which
God works in our
lives.



**STEWARDSHIP IS THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF
THE CHRISTIAN LIFE,**
making our prayers,
worship, study of the
Scriptures, Christian action
truly sincere.

150th Birthday Team

Friends and Relatives on our Prayer List



We thought it might be helpful if all of us know the relationship to our congregation of the people on our friends and relatives prayer list. We ask that as names need to be added or removed, you contact the church office. Prayer is a powerful entity and as we pray for our church members and others, we strengthen our faith in love and service.

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| Allen Bailey | <i>friend of David Arrowood</i> | Bill McLaughlin, Jr. | <i>nephew of Larry Poteat</i> |
| Dorothy Baker | <i>sister of Russell Pruett</i> | Mary Myers | <i>cousin of Sandy A. & Johnny M.</i> |
| Lennie Cauble | <i>sister of Bonnie Russell</i> | Carol Null | <i>sister-in-law of Margaret Morgan</i> |
| Liam Clary | <i>grandson of Ty & Debbie Clary</i> | Jerry Overcash | <i>cousin of Bonnie Russell</i> |
| Ted Deal | <i>nephew of Margaret Morgan</i> | Lester Peeler | <i>husband of Faye Peeler</i> |
| Kim Denning | <i>sister of Grover Holt</i> | Rachel Peeler | <i>sister-in-law of Faye Peeler</i> |
| Chuck Dudding | <i>son-in-law of Mary Harkey</i> | Diane Rivers | <i>friend of Alice Weaver</i> |
| Todd Getzlaff | <i>son of Judy Getzlaff</i> | Stephanie Robinson | <i>sister of Tracy Phillips</i> |
| Debbie Hampton | <i>sister-in-law of Joe Hampton</i> | Chris Shiflett | <i>step-sister of Lisa McBride</i> |
| Glenn Hester | <i>friend of Jason Connelly</i> | Alice Stephens | <i>former organist at St. Luke's</i> |
| Elvin Holt | <i>father of Grover Holt</i> | Betty Stewart | <i>aunt of David Arrowood</i> |
| Leslie Houston | <i>wife of Preston Houston</i> | Jimmy Stewart | <i>uncle of David Arrowood</i> |
| Mildred Huffman | <i>mother of Micki Karriker</i> | Dot Walker | <i>aunt of David Arrowood</i> |
| Coyt Karriker | <i>cousin of Joe Hampton</i> | April Weaver | <i>wife of Jonathan Weaver</i> |
| Don Killian | <i>friend of David Arrowood</i> | Len Wilson | <i>Ashe Co. resident</i> |
| Marketta McIntosh | <i>sister of Tracy Phillips</i> | Tom Wilson | <i>friend of Johnny Moore</i> |

2019 is only 8 months away! And we're starting to plan for that special year and St Luke's 150th anniversary. If you have any creative ideas, please chat with anyone on the planning team: Glenn Hoffner, Jody Perrell, Carol Parrish, Leanne Stanley, Ruth Hodge and Kathy Holt and Pastor Scott.

Capital Campaign update

2017 "Mortgage Free & A Blessing Be" Cap Campaign Update
 May contributions of \$1171 brings the total contributions to \$81,017, of the \$87,988 total pledged. After the \$20,000 lump-sum payment authorized by the congregation, the mortgage balance is now approximately \$92,000.



**St. Luke's Lutheran Church
 Treasurer's Report**

	Current	Benevolence	Restricted	Capital Campaign	Total
Beginning Balance 5/1/18	\$26,282.31	\$0.00	\$81,745.79	\$25,399.11	\$133,427.21
Receipts May 2018	\$13,018.30	\$482.41	\$11,878.21	\$1,657.02	\$27,035.94
Charges/Fees May 2018	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfers May 2018	\$482.41	(\$482.41)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements May 2018	(\$14,625.83)	\$0.00	(\$6,139.73)	(\$2,400.00)	(\$23,165.56)
Ending Balance 5/31/18	\$25,157.19	\$0.00	\$87,484.27	\$24,656.13	\$137,297.59

MIF Balance as of 5/10/18

\$92,802.49

Members and Friends Serving in the Military

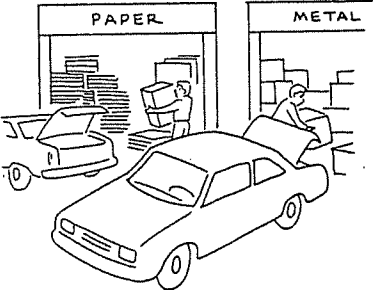
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| Eric Corriher | <i>husband of Dana Corriher</i> | Vince Price | <i>nephew of David Arrowood</i> |
| Jon Faust | <i>son of Margaret Faust</i> | David Terry | <i>son of Beverly Terry</i> |



Prayer & Spiritual Direction -Wednesdays at 2 pm
 Do you have a desire, or possible interest, in learning more about prayer and the art of listening for God's voice? Exploring many different kinds and styles of prayer, and what might work best for you? Perhaps a desire to intentionally discuss and work to discern God's working in your life, and how you might make yourself more open to the Holy Spirit?
 Join Pastor Scott on July 11 at 2 pm

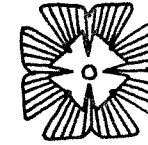
REDUCE WASTE

Living simply is the first step -- buy less, use products longer, avoid buying disposable products and recycle whenever possible.



Offerings and Attendance

	Current	Benevolence	Worship	S.S.
May 6	\$ 4,007.92	\$ 202.40	85	34
May 13	2,894.07	103.01	105	--
May 20	2,708.15	155.60	132	17
May 27	3,280.60	21.40	97	21



19 Better Marriage Enrichment Series Sun. evening
(Continues on 8/26, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, /9/30 and ? 10/7)
22 Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00-5:30 pm

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship/Communion Blood Pressure Screening						
7 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 11:30 am – Chr. Ed. Lunch	8-10:30 am Walk in Gym 6:30-7:30 pm Aerobics 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee		8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 2:00 pm Prayer/SpiritualDir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	10:00 am Pastor's Study Group	8-10:30 am Walking in Gym	
8 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 11:30 am – Faith Basics Lunch	8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 6:30-7:30 pm Aerobics Exercise		8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	10:00 am Pastor's Study Group	8-10:30 am Walking in Gym	
9 th Sunday after Pentecost 7:30 am – Cong. Council ? 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship/Communion	8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 6:30 – 7:30 pm Aerobics	Newsletter article Deadline	8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	NO Pastor's Study	8-10:30 am Walking in Gym	
10 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship	8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 6:30 – 7:30 pm Aerobics					



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Katie Sheets 1
- Amanda Cutler 1
- Louise Cashion 5
- Ray Bost 6
- Wyatt Burns 7
- Ginger Kerr 11
- Adam Gardner 13
- Todd Wright 13
- David Parrish 13
- Ryan Clary 14
- Meredith Jones 15
- Johnny Moore 15
- Cathy Wright 16
- Sally Morgan 17
- Sandy Arrowood 18
- Chase Hovis 18
- Belinda Corl 19
- Jennifer Kennerly 22
- Julie Edwards 22
- Jeff Poteat 23
- Jody Perrell 24
- Jason Connelly 24
- Earl Bond, Jr. 26
- Travis Curlee 27
- Mary Elizabeth Stanley 29
- Alison Clawson 29

**BAPTISMAL
ANNIVERSARIES**

- Jennifer Perrell 2
- Malachi Adams 6
- Eli Adams 6
- Kaye Sheets 7
- Abigail Cameron 9
- John Michael Presley 9
- Alan Lentz 12
- Lauren Hood 13
- Christy File 15
- Patrick Williams 16
- Rhonda McDaniel 17
- Ricky Hoffner 22
- Audrey Weaver 24
- Claire Hodge 26
- Bryan Edwards 28
- Whitney Burns 28
- Amanda Cutler 29
- Jayden Kerr 29
- Brooke Kennerly 31